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Continuing the Dream, NASA Announces the Explorer School Program

Reaffirming its commitment to education, NASA is announcing a new initiative to bring exciting learning opportunities to educators, students and their families.



The NASA Explorer Schools Program (NES) will provide a unique relationship between schools and the agency

to “inspire the next generation of explorers.”

The program is designed to provide customized, extended professional development for educators. It will also provide authentic mathematics and science experiences for students and their families.

Fifty NES teams will be chosen from around the country to begin the journey. The teams will have a week of intensive training at one of NASA’s Field Centers in July. Each team will consist of 3 or 4 science, mathematics or technology educators and an administrator.

The teams will develop and implement action plans to address local needs in science, mathematics or technology education for the following three years.

During the 2003 pilot year, the program will focus on grades 5 to 8.

Selected educator/administrator teams will work with NASA specialists to integrate agency science content into their curriculum through problem-solving activities and to incorporate challenges into their mathematics and science curriculum.

Students will have opportunities to apply science, mathematics and technology to real-world issues and problems and to learn about the vast array of career options at NASA.

Students and their families will be the focus of interactive local and on-line learning experiences.

All NASA Explorer School Teams will be eligible for a \$10,000 grant. The grant is designed to assist with the purchase of science and technology tools to support the teams’ implementation plan to bring cutting edge technology applications to the classroom.

To learn more about the program, call Ed Parrott on x1861 or visit the NES Web site for information about the program and the on-line application process:
<http://explorerschools.nasa.gov>

Wallops Shorts.....

In the News

Associated Press

“Poker Flat Rocket Launches to Study Aurora Winds”

Eastern Shore Post

“Chamber Presents Overview of Shore Economics”

Eastern Shore News

“Chamber Holds Economic Seminar; Hears Four Diverse Speakers”

Eastern Shore News

“NASA Credit Union to Open in Oak Hall”

On the Road

Scott Webb and Jay Savage, NASA Information Services and Advanced Technology Branch, participated in the Northampton County Career Day Event on February 26.

Centennial of Flight Milestone

88 years ago on March 3, 1915, the U.S. establishes National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics (NACA) NASA’s (1958) predecessor

Integrated Financial Management Program Expo

Building E-104 Williamsburg Room
Building E-2 Conference Room
March 12
10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Agenda:

Williamsburg Room

10 —10:30 a.m. Resume Management Discussion
10:30—11 a.m. Position Description Management Discussion
11—11:30 a.m. Travel Management Discussion
11:30 a.m.— noon Budget Formulation Discussion
Noon —1 p.m. Core Financial Discussion

Building E-2 Conference Room

10 a.m.—1 p.m. System Demonstrations and Tutorials

The IFMP is an Agency-wide effort to modernize NASA’s financial and administrative systems and processes.

It will implement proven, federalized Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) commercial off the shelf capabilities and redesigned processes in the form of Module Projects to help improve employee productivity and operations efficiency.

NASA Credit Union to Open Branch Office at T’s Corner

The NASA Federal Credit Union (FCU) will open a full-service branch office on Tuesday, March 4, in the Oak Hall Marketplace at T’s Corner.

The Oak Hall branch office will be open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday. There also is a 24-hour ATM.

The new office will offer full-service financial convenience. “We are pleased to open this new location on Virginia’s Eastern Shore.” Said Douglas Allman, president of the NASA FCU.

NASA FCU has served members at Wallops Flight Facility for over 20 years. The Branch Office on the Wallops Main Base will remain open with the same hours and services.

For further information call Cindy on x2380 or call the NASA FCU toll free, 888 627-2328.

Embry-Riddle Launches are a Complete Success

“I wish to assure you the missions (Terrier-Orions 41.022 & 23) that we flew in June from White Sands Missile Range were a complete success.

We were able to measure the gas pressure in the payload sample chambers during the transfer process and all had reasonable values.

Vehicle performance was nominal, all functions worked properly, and most importantly the recovery worked well.

I was very pleased with the quality and enthusiasm of the team on this project.

I could hardly hope for better.”..... Peter Erdman, Embry-Riddle University

Integrated Contingency Plan Training (ICP)

Dates:
March 5 — 9 to 11 a.m.
March 6 — 1 to 3 p.m.
March 7 — 9 to 11 a.m.
March 7 — 1 to 3 p.m.
Makeup date - April 11 — 9 to 11 a.m.

Location:
Building E-104, Chincoteague Room

Wallops Flight Facility has followed the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency guidelines for consolidating multiple plans that the facility has prepared, to comply with various regulations, into one functional emergency response plan or ICP. The ICP requires that all personnel who generate, handle, or store hazardous materials, hazardous waste, or petroleum products, as part of their job, receive training that teaches the proper emergency response methods.

All personnel who either generate, handle, or store hazardous materials, hazardous waste, or petroleum products and all emergency responders are required to take this training. For example:

- Fire Department Personnel
- Environmental Personnel
- Scientist/Engineers who work with the above materials
- Hazardous Materials Shippers
- Logistics Personnel
- Facilities Maintenance Personnel (who either work with the above materials or may be called to assist in remediation after an emergency)
- Satellite Accumulation Area Points of-Contact and Alternates

ANY other personnel who have more than casual contact with hazardous materials, hazardous waste, or petroleum products

There is no charge. To register e-mail Shari Silbert at: Shari.A.Silbert.1@gsfc.nasa.gov or call x2327.

St. Patty’s Day Party Monday, March 17



Rocket Club
4:35 p.m.
Food and Fun

(and green beer, too)

Wireless Devices

by Al Diaz, Director

Due to the rapid pace of increasing reliance on Personal Digital Assistants and wireless computers, it is clear that we require a policy for their use to assure the integrity of our networks.

An interim policy for Wireless Networks is being prepared with a formal Goddard Policy Guidance (GPG) to follow. In the meantime, I am asking for your cooperation to implement a critical element of that policy immediately.

If your device, wireless computer or PDA, has encryption software in it, activate it. If it does not, this software is easily available for insertion into your device.

Please do on use your device unless there is activated encryption in place. Failure to comply will compromise the privacy of your transmission and the security of our network.

Code 297 is monitoring this now and will continue to do so as part of the interm and anticipated policy.

For further information contact Carl Johnson, x2444.

Status of Retroactive Pay Increase for Civil Service Employees

The President has signed the Consolidated Appropriations Resolution for FY 2003.

Among many other provisions, this legislation includes language that mandates a 1 percent retroactive pay increase for most white-collar civilian Federal employees. However, decisions will have to be made regarding how the additional 1 percent pay increase will be allocated. Those decisions will be reflected in an Executive order signed by the President.

Once the Executive order has been signed, the Office of Personnel Management will issue new salary tables and provide additional guidance to Federal agencies.

The additional 1 percent pay increase will be retroactive to the first pay period in January for all affected employees.

New Badges for NASA Retirees

A new policy issued by NASA HQ, effective at Goddard Space Flight Center and Wallops Flight Facility on February 3, 2003, calls for the replacement of the current “NASA Retiree Badge” with a wallet-sized identification card.

While the new cards will not afford retirees automatic access to the Facility and will no longer be accepted at the gates, they will facilitate the issuance of the visitor badges for the new card.

On your next visit to Wallops, stop at the Reception Center, Building N127. You may exchange your badge for the new card on weekdays between 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. Once you have the new card, present it to the receptionist and you will be processed for a visitor badge.

If you are living near another NASA Center and need a new card, you may obtain one from that Center’s Security Office.

If you have questions about this policy change, please contact Dave Moulton, GSFC Security Director at 301 286-7233.

Introductory Overhead Crane Operator Training

March 12 and 13, 2003
8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Building N-159, Room E-208

This course satisfies the requirements of the NASA Standard for Lifting Devices and Equipment for the operation of electric, manual or air driven overhead cranes and hoists at Wallops.

Successful completion of this course, along with a crane operator physical examination will lead to licensing of the crane operators by NASA.

All civil service and contractor personnel who require an overhead crane operator license are invited to attend.

There is no charge for NASA civil service employees. Contractors and other tenant personnel will be required to pay \$300 per student for the course

For information or to enroll, contact Bill Hargrove on x1797 or by email: William.T.Hargrove.1@gsfc.nasa.gov

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